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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2000, applicant respectfully requests amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified application.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 19, 30, 35, 42, 43, and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 29, 34, 40 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of filling a prescription for a medicament including a designated amount of the medicament, said method comprising:

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- (a) retrieving a supply container of medicament corresponding to the prescription, there being prescription data corresponding to the prescription including the medicament stored in a computer, the container having machine-readable container indicia thereon representative of the medicament therein;
 - (b) using an indicia-reading device coupled with said computer to read said container indicia, to produce container data representative thereof, and to provide said container data to said computer;
 - (c) in said computer, comparing said container data and said prescription data to determine a match therebetween;

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